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This book explores the evolution of Roman law and society in Italy from 493, with the proclamation of the Ostrogoth Theoderic the Great as King, until about 554, when the eastern Emperor Justinian was able to re-establish imperial authority in the region. Drawing upon evidence from a variety of legal and historical sources, it investigates how Theoderic and his successors attempted to govern the peninsula in the wake of foreign invasions, the collapse of civic administration, the break-up of the Mediterranean economy, and the emergence of new forms of religious and secular authority. It challenges long-held assumptions as to just how peaceful, prosperous, and Roman-like Theoderic's Italy really was. Its primary focus is the *Edictum Theoderici*, a significant but largely overlooked document that offers valuable historical insights into the complex and sometimes contested social, political, and religious changes that marked Italy's passage from Antiquity into the Middle Ages.

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Abbreviations

Amm. Marc.	Ammianus Marcellinus, <i>Res Gestae</i>
Anon. Val.	<i>Anonymi Valesiani pars posterior</i>
Cass., <i>Hist.</i>	Cassiodorus, <i>Historia ecclesiastica tripartita</i>
Cass., <i>Var.</i>	Cassiodorus, <i>Variae</i>
CCSL	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina</i>
CG	<i>Codex Gregorianus</i>
CH	<i>Codex Hermogenianus</i>
CJ	<i>Codex Justinianus</i>
CJC	<i>Corpus Iuris Civilis</i>
CLA	<i>Codices Latini Antiquiores</i>
<i>Collatio</i>	<i>Mosaicarum et Romanorum Legum Collatio</i>
<i>Confess.</i>	Augustine of Hippo, <i>Confessions</i>
<i>Cons. Phil.</i>	Boethius, <i>Consolation of Philosophy</i>
CSEL	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i>
CTh	<i>Theodosiani Libri XVI cum Constitutionibus Sirmondianis et Leges Novellae ad Theodosianum Pertinentes</i>
<i>Dig.</i>	<i>Digesta</i>
EMC/CV NS	<i>Echos du Monde Classique/Classical Views New Series</i>
ÉFR	<i>École française de Rome</i>
EHR	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>Ep.</i>	<i>Epistulae</i>
ET	<i>Edictum Theoderici</i>
FIRA	<i>Fontes Iuris Romani Anteiustiniani</i>
Fr.	<i>Fragmenta</i>
FV	<i>Fragmenta Vaticana</i>
Gai., <i>Inst.</i> ,	Gaius, <i>Institutiones</i>
<i>Get.</i>	Jordanes, <i>Romana et Getica</i>
<i>Hist. Goth.</i>	Isidore of Seville, <i>Historia Gothorum Wandalorum Sueborum</i>

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<i>Inst.</i>	<i>Institutiones</i>
<i>Itpr.</i>	<i>Interpretationes</i>
<i>J ECS</i>	<i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
<i>JRA</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Archaeology</i>
<i>JRS</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
<i>LRE</i>	Arnold H. M. Jones, <i>The Later Roman Empire 284–602: A Social, Economic and Administrative Survey</i>
<i>LRV</i>	<i>Lex Romana Visigothorum</i>
<i>LV</i>	<i>Leges Visigothorum</i>
<i>MEFRA</i>	<i>Mélanges de l'École française de Rome: Antiquité</i>
<i>MGH</i>	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica</i>
<i>MGH AA</i>	<i>MGH Auctores Antiquissimi</i>
<i>MGH SRM</i>	<i>MGH Scriptores rerum merovingicarum</i>
<i>MGH SS</i>	<i>MGH Scriptores</i>
<i>Nat. Hist.</i>	Pliny, <i>Natural History</i>
<i>Not. Dig.</i>	<i>Notitia Dignitatum omnium tam civilium quam militarium</i>
<i>Nov. Anth.</i>	<i>Novellae Anthemii</i>
<i>Nov. Maj.</i>	<i>Novellae Majoriani</i>
<i>Nov. Val.</i>	<i>Novellae Valentiniiani</i>
<i>Pan. Th.</i>	Ennodius, <i>Panegyricus dictus clementissimo regi Theoderico</i>
<i>PBSR</i>	<i>Papers of the British School at Rome</i>
<i>P-Ital</i>	<i>Die nichtliterarischen Lateinischen Papyri Italiens aus der zeit 445–700</i>
<i>PL</i>	<i>Patrologiae Cursus Completus, Series Latina</i>
<i>PLRE</i>	<i>The Prosopography of the Later Roman Empire</i> , vol. 2: AD 395–527
<i>Proc., BG</i>	Procopius, <i>De Bello Gothico</i>
<i>PS</i>	<i>Pauli Sententiae</i>
<i>RE</i>	<i>Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i>
<i>Reg. Ulp.</i>	<i>Regulae Ulpiani</i>
<i>RHDFE</i>	<i>Revue historique de droit français et étranger</i>
<i>RHS</i>	<i>Royal Historical Society</i>
<i>RIDA</i>	<i>Revue internationale des Droits de l'Antiquité</i>
<i>SDHI</i>	<i>Studia et Documenta Historiae et Iuris</i>
<i>TAPA</i>	<i>Transactions of the American Philological Association</i>
<i>V. Epiph.</i>	Ennodius, <i>Vita Eppiphani</i>
<i>ZSS (RA)</i>	<i>Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte (Romanistische Abteilung)</i>

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